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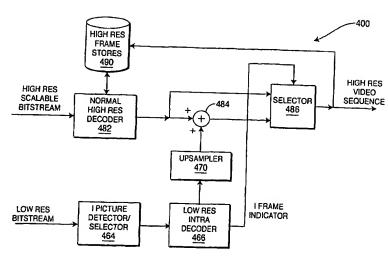
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(57) Abstract: A video decoder (400) and method for low-complexity spatial scalable video are disclosed, the decoder for receiving compressed high-resolution scalable and standard-resolution bitstreams and providing high-resolution video, and including an I-picture detector (464) for receiving the compressed standard-resolution bitstream, a standard-resolution Intra decoder (466) coupled with the I-picture detector for decoding I-pictures, a high-resolution video decoder (482) for receiving the compressed high-resolution scalable bitstream, and a selector (486) coupled with the standard-resolution Intra video decoder and the high-resolution video decoder to provide the high-resolution video sequence.

